

**NY Upstate APA Co-Sponsoring New York State's First Bike Summit**  
Planners are invited to attend September 15<sup>th</sup> event, AICP CM Credits Available

**Loudonville, NY:** On Friday, September 15, 2017, from 8:00 am to 7:30 pm, the New York Bicycling Coalition (NYBC) will host the New York State Bike Summit at the Hearst Center in Albany. The first annual NY State Bike Summit is being organized by the New York Bicycle Coalition as an effort to bring together professionals across multiple sectors who play a role in making New York a more bike and walk-friendly state. The New York Upstate Chapter of the American Planning Association is pleased to support NYBC in making the summit a success.

Government officials, engineers, planners, advocacy leaders, bicycle clubs, and educators will gather to present, network and strategize for the transformation of New York into a leader in safe active transportation.

"In putting together the wide ranging content for this event – workshops, plenaries and roundtable discussions – it is clear there is tremendous interest in the New York Bike Summit, which frankly is long overdue," says NYBC Executive Director, Paul Winkeller. "We are eager to draw from the experience of Summit attendees as we craft a strategy for creating opportunities for more, and much safer, bicycling in New York State."

Topics will include bike share; advocacy; bike equity; Vision Zero; education and safety; public health; ecotourism and green transportation; data and technology; trails; mountain biking, electric bikes; mass transit; bridges, and funding. A full schedule of the day's speakers and events can be found online at: <https://newyorkbicyclingcoalition2017.sched.com/>

Because of the New York Upstate APA's co-sponsorship of the summit, APA members will receive an exclusive \$10 discount off of the \$110 registration fee, bringing the cost down to \$100 for APA Members. AICP CM credits will be available for most sessions. Register online at: <https://newyorkbicyclingcoalition2017.sched.com/tickets>. The online discount code for APA members is: *APAMember*.

"The truly exciting thing about this event is the range of panelists we're able to bring in who are working to advance the bike movement and have something important to share. From the person who works with their disabled friend to help them stay on a bike, all the way up to high ranking government officials overseeing the \$200 million Empire State Trail project, everyone has something to contribute to the bike movement." says Kyle Hatch, Summit Coordinator. "By bringing all these people together, we're celebrating that there are people from all walks of life who love to bike and want to see New York become a better state for biking and active transportation. This summit is the embodiment of that spirit."

Find the event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1353583761399092/>

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